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Frederick County Health Department

# ***Public Health Alert***

DATE: January 7, 2021

## **Woman Bitten by Dog on Monday, January 4, 2021, near the Intersection of Market Street and the Carroll Creek Bridge in Frederick, Maryland. Seeking Owner of Dog.**

A woman was bitten by an unknown dog near the intersection of Market Street and the Carroll Creek Bridge in Frederick, Maryland, at approximately 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2021. The dog is described as a small to medium-sized, shorthaired, brown, chow-type dog. The biting dog was being walked by a woman along with two other dogs. The victim was bitten as she walked by the dogs. She felt the dog come into contact with the back of her leg but did not realize she had been bitten until she got home.

The Frederick County Health Department is requesting that the owner, or anyone who has information regarding the animal, contact Frederick County Animal Control (FCAC) so the victim may avoid receiving unnecessary and expensive post-exposure rabies vaccinations. Contact is needed to confirm the animal's health and whereabouts. The animal will be quarantined, which can occur in the owner's home, for 10 days to monitor its health. If the animal is verified to be in good health 10 days after the bite, the victim will not need to receive the series of post-exposure rabies vaccinations, and the animal will be allowed to resume normal activity. The owner or anyone who has information about the animal is asked to contact Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1544.

If you or someone in your family is bitten or scratched by a dog or cat, obtain contact information from the animal's owner so that appropriate action can be taken. Report bites to Animal Control at 301-600-1544. Report possible human exposure to Community Health Services at 301-600-3342. For general rabies questions, call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1717. Visit [health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES](http://health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES) for more information.

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